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HONGKONG MONDAY, JANUARY 22ND, 1900.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE

We have this day ADMITTED Mr.
SILAS MEYER MOSES & Partner
in our several Firms in England, India, and
China.

DAVID SASSON & CO.

Bombay, 1st January, 1900.

THE EAST ASIATIC COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR PORT ARTHUR AND VLADIVOSTOK.

THE Danish Steamer

"CATHAY,"
Captain Jansen, will be ready to load here on
TUESDAY, the 22nd instant, for the above
ports, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1900.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

STEAM FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI,

HOKKO, AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Imperial German Mail Steamship

OF THE NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD.

Captain H. Preger, due here with the outward
German Mail about the 25th inst., will leave for
the above places about 24 hours after arrival.

NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to

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Hongkong, 22nd January, 1900.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION:

WE TRIED for the POST of INSPECTOR
TOUR in the Hongkong Water Police,
a member of the Mercantile Marine holding a
Mate's Certificate. Must be single. Salary
\$1,365 per annum with Exchange Compensation
(equivalent to \$31 a month at present rates)
added, free quarters, full light uniform
with free passage, half board, and 3
months leave on half-pay every 5 years.

Apply personally to the Captain Superintendent
of Police, Central Police Station, Hong
kong.

By Command.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary's Office.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1900.

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TO SMALL CAPITALISTS.

WHY keep Money in the bank at 4
per cent. when ADVERTISEMENTS will
give 8 per cent. for LOAN. No risk. Full
security. Particulars of

Car of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1900.

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GODOWN WANTED.

WANTED from about the 15th February
next a MIDDLE-SIZED GODOWN.
For Particulars, apply to

T. T.

Car of this Paper.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1900.

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A STORE in every Central Position of
QUEEN'S ROAD.

Apply

"ALPHA,"
Car of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1900.

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THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE,
1898.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF
TRADE MARKS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the PLANTERS' COMBINE COMPANY, a
corporation existing under the laws of the
State of West Virginia in the United States of
America, and having its principal place of
business at No. 35, Wall Street, in the City, County
and State of New York in the said United
States of America, has, on the 20th January, 1900,
applied for the registration in Hongkong, in
the Register of TRADE MARKS, the following
TRADE MARK, viz.—"The pictorial
device of a balance scale with the
balance beam representing a scale with the
word "LOWRY HALE" impressed thereon,
and in the other arm of the balance being the
representation of a weight with the words "250
lb." impressed thereon in the name of the said
PLANTERS' COMBINE COMPANY, who
claims to be the sole proprietor thereof."

The TRADE MARK has been used by the
Applicant in respect of the following goods,
respectively, in the following classes respectively,
viz.:—In respect of raw or partly prepared
tobacco substances not included in other classes
in class 4.

A Facsimile of such TRADE MARK can be
seen at the Office of the Colonial Secretary
of Hongkong.

Dated the 20th day of January, 1900.

DIACON & HASTINGS,
300 Solvers for Applicant.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer
"BENGAL,"
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.

Consignees of cargo by the above named
vessel are hereby informed that their goods are
being landed and placed at the wharves in
Hongkong, Kowloon, Whampoa, and Godown
Company, Godown at Kowloon, where each
consignee will be sorted out mark by mark
and delivered as soon as the vessel is
loaded.

This vessel brings on cargo—
From London, &c. via Hainan.
From Persian Gulf, ox. n. Nasri, &c.
Optional goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before
1 P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods to be cleared by the 25th instant, at
which time will be subject to value
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the
Godowns, and a certificate of the damage ob-
tained from the (Holloway Company) within ten
days after the vessel's arrival here, after which
no claims will be recognized.

II. A. HUTCHIE,
Superintendent,
Hongkong, 20th January, 1900.

THE EAST ASIATIC COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamer
"CATHAY,"
having arrived,
Consignees of cargo are hereby informed
that their Goods, with the exception of Opium
Treasure, and other articles of value, will be
stored in their safe into the Godowns of the
East Asiatic and London Wharf and Godown
Company Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery
may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice
to the contrary be given before 1 P.M. TO-DAY.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns until 20th January will be
subject to re-est.

All broken, chipped, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on THURSDAY, the 25th January, and
MONDAY, the 29th January, at 9.30 A.M.

All claims must reach us before the 30th
January, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected—
Bills of Lading will be forwarded by
the 25th instant.

MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1900.

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JAN. 10. TARTAR, British str., 927, Smith,
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JAN. 21. BRISBANE, British str., 2,751, Bar-
clay, Bonney & Co.

JAN. 24. FOSHUN, Chinese steamer, 1,347,
Alexander, Canton 24th January, General
CHINESE.

JAN. 25. W. CHINA, Chinese steamer, 1,507, R.
L. Livingstone, Shanghai 17th January, General
CHINESE.

JAN. 29. AKASHIMA, Japanese Torpedo boat-de-
stroyer, 310, Lieutenant Commander H. Kawao,
London 24th December.

JAN. 30. LOOMING, British steamer, 1,062,
Wigall, Manila 17th January, General—
JARDINE, MATTHEWS & CO.

JAN. 31. GOODEMAN, British str., 931, Andover,
London 17th January, General—
JARDINE, MATTHEWS & CO.

JAN. 32. ALEXANDER, German steamer, 771, B.
Lindner, Hamburg 17th January, General—
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These CLARETS are bought direct from the leading French growers. The lowest priced are of exceptional value and guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape, and are not artificially made as is generally the case with cheap Wines.

CHATRAU LA TOUR CARNET, CHATEAU RAUZAN, and CHATEAU LAFITE are commended to the notice of Connoisseurs as high-class after-dinner Wines of a rich and true character.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

We guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine only when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

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HIPPIES.
On the 20th of January, 1900, Mr. J. Knutford Terrier, Kowloon, the wife of H. Crowley, daughter of Mr. Crowley, died [309].

On the 19th of January, 1900, the wife of Captain H. G. Morris (T. M. Courtney), son.

On the 18th of January, 1900, at No. 14, Currie Road, Shanghai, the wife of Mr. G. Barlow, of a

son.

John Ruskin, master of art and letters, is dead, and the English-speaking peoples will mourn the loss of a great man who has helped to make the Victorian era famous. Though as an individual, after a life spent in hard literary toil, has passed away at an advanced age, his work will remain as a lasting monument to his greatness. In modern art and letters no name is more famous than that of JOHN RUSKIN, and to his lofty and accurate criticism, his well established dictum, English art owes much for the advanced position it occupies to-day. His hatred of cant and that which is mediocre was as great as CAREY'S; his reproaches were differently phrased. He set a high level; he was sincere, and was enthusiastically followed, though many were unable to climb the heights that he reached. His name will go down to posterity as one who has redeemed and enabled that which is beautiful in the life and work of the Anglo-Saxon people. JOHN RUSKIN was born in London in February, 1819, and has thus died at the mature age of eighty years. He was the son of a merchant and was educated privately and at Christ Church, Oxford. He devoted himself to painting, working under Copley Fielding and J. D. HARDING. His first effort in the cause of modern art was a pamphlet in defence of Turner and the modern school of landscape painting, ultimately being enlarged and published as *Modern Painters* in 1843. His success as a writer-on art is said to have been decided on the reception of this book. He resided for some time in Italy where he produced other books, which have now become famous. He became the holder of professorships at Cambridge and Oxford, and in 1871 he proposed to devote £5,000 for the purpose of an endowment to pay a master of drawing in the Taylor Galleries, Oxford, which was accepted with some modifications. He was several times elected Slade Professor, and in 1883, at his inaug- ural lecture, he was received with great enthusiasm, there being insufficient accommodation for those who thronged to hear his subsequent lectures. On account of ill-health he was obliged to resign his post in 1884, but continued in moderation his literary work. In 1884, the Ruskin Society of London was established, inviting the help of all earnest friends of students of Mr. Ruskin, and has done much to propagate his writings; his works being published at prohibitive prices to many people. The good that RUSKIN did will live behind him.

The capture of OSMAN DIGNA will prove the end of the Sudan troubles. The campaign of Kitchener, with the fearful losses he inflicted on the turbulent tribesmen, followed by Colonel WINGATE's resolute victory, and the subsequent capture of Osman, will bring peace and prosperity to the troubled land of Egypt. Osman Digna has been one of the leaders of the rebellion, and has always hitherto managed

to elude her British, having taken every care for the safety of his secret agents. Yet he has filled the positions as the Military commander with skill and tact, and possessed an enormous influence over the rebellious tribes, which commanded with his work at Khartoum. He was many times repelled by the British, but nothing daunted him generally managed to appear in this field again with fresh forces of mutual levies. After having spent a life of unceasing toil hitherto, he will probably be pleased to accept the prospect of a peaceful existence which the Sudan will provide for him, and Egypt the scene of so many intriguing expeditions, will know him and his followers no more. Colonel WINGATE has proved well his capability for the post of Acting-Sirdar—no man knows Egypt or the Arab character better. Her Majesty the Queen has already honoured him by consenting to become godfather to his infant daughter, and the future will bring many honours in store for so gallant and able an officer.

The delivery of the English mail was begun at 7.55 a.m. on Saturday.

The Russian gunboat *Oleny* docked in Messrs. Boyd & Co.'s New Dock at Shanghai on the 15th inst.

H. E. Sir Henry Blake will preside at the Prize Distribution at Queen's College tomorrow noon. An invitation is extended to those interested in Education:

The post of Inspector in the Hongkong Water Police is Vacant, and applicants must possess a medical certificate. Particulars appear in our advertisement columns.

A subscription list has been started at Shanghai for the late Captain Bentzen, of the Victoria, who was drowned at Taiyuanfu. The Mercury is receiving subscriptions.

M. de Beauvois, the French Consul-General at Shanghai, together with the Chinese authorities, has been engaged in the delimitation of the British concession at that port.

Mr. William Burnard Macaristi, the "Chief" of the Scottish community in Calcutta is dead. He came to Calcutta in 1863. He was founder of the Caledonia Society, and its President. He was aged 55 years.

One hundred and twelve Volunteers have come forward to join the Cayton Contingent for South Africa. The authorities will endeavour to send horses for those who are bona fide unable to procure their own.

J. N. Jordas, Esq., H. M.'s Representative at Seoul, writes to the N. C. Daily News that the British residents at the capital of Corea contributed 1,383 yen, and those in Chemulpo 209 yen towards the Transvaal War Fund, the total amount in sterling being £159.5s. 3d.

There will be a Hockey match at the Wong Nei Chong Recreation Ground on Tuesday, 21st inst., between the Royal Navy and Hongkong Hockey Club, at 4.30 p.m. The Club will be—E. Ichinson, Loring, F. H. Yeats, H. W. Slade Bowley, Bruton, Badham, Wilkinson, Wilkinson, Morris, Hooper, A. C. Stevens.

Some of the ladies of Shanghai, having noticed the list of articles required by the soldiers in the "Lancashire" for their use, have sent a sum of money, and some of them have sent contributions of money, or of any of the articles suitable for sending. Lady Haume and Mrs. Bourne, H. B. M.'s Consul-General, have undertaken to receive contributions. It was proposed to hold a meeting at Lady Haume's on the 21st instant, and the meeting was adjourned to the 22nd inst., when the author of the article will speak again, and then the meeting will be held.

KENGER'S RELATIVE CAPTURED. Among Colonel DUNDONALD's prisoners is a relative of President Kruger.

OSMAN DIGNA CAPTURED. Osman Digna has been captured.

A NATION'S LOSS. John Ruskin is dead.

LONDON, 21st January, 11 a.m.

BRITISH AGAIN SUCCESSFUL.

It is officially announced that General Clegg, with part of General Warren's force, were in action thirteen hours yesterday, and thus threatening the enemy's line of communication.

THE ADVANCE OF GENERAL BULLER.

Unofficial telegrams agree that General Buller's advance is proceeding successfully.

General Clegg has extended his forces eastward thus threatening the enemy's line of communication.

GENERAL FRENCH.

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NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE.
THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of the Undersigned in the Business of the Hongkong Daily Press CEASED as from the 31st December, 1899. G. COX, Hongkong, 16th January, 1900. [251]

NOTICE.

WE the Undersigned have this Day been Appointed AGENTS for the above Goods. All Applications for Storage of Goods should be made to T. RAUCHENSTEIN & CO., 12, Boncouver Arcade, Hongkong, 16th January, 1900. [251]

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NOTICE.

AFTER FEBRUARY 1st NEXT the SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA WILL OPEN AN OFFICE FOR HONGKONG at No. 8, PLATEA CESTRALE, to meet the demands of the Canadian business. Remitted Payments, however, will be made as heretofore to Messrs. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO. until further notice. H. H. HORSEY, Acting Manager, Hongkong, 16th January, 1900. [275]

NOTICE.

WE the undersigned E. KING FIRM, carrying on business at TAI PAT PO, Canton, as EXPORTERS of CHINESE GOODS, having hitherto had no Branch or Office in Hongkong, This Day Opened a BRANCH OFFICE at No. 4, LEE YUEN STREET, West, Hongkong.

WOO WING, who carried on a business on the premises of our firm at Canton on his own account and acted as Salesman in the E. KING FIRM, left our employ during March, 1890, having been dismissed, the business thereafter carried on by us. This Day we have reengaged him, and WOO WING has since then had no further connection with our firm. The Public and Customers of the E. KING FIRM are therefore notified of WOO WING's dismissal and of the opening of a BRANCH OFFICE of the E. KING FIRM at No. 4, LEE YUEN STREET, West, Hongkong.

CUSTOMERS are requested to call either at our Offices in Canton or Hongkong to give their orders.

THE E. KING FIRM
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THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

TELEGRAMS VIA CEYLON.

Ladysmith, 29th December. Since Christmas the Boers have redoubled their energy. Shooting is practically continuous except at night. Few casualties have occurred, except in the Devons.

The Boers are very alert, and constantly fire thousands of rounds at imaginary night sorties. All here are confident.

Ladysmith, 1st January. The New Year was ushered in with a nocturnal bombardment. News is scarce. We almost daily hear firing near Colenso. The enemy is very restless. So far the greatest difficulty is with regard to medical appliances. The weather is fine, and the river is falling.

MORE REINFORCEMENTS AT COLESBERG.

The Central News reports that having received large reinforcements, especially Artillery, the Boers have reoccupied their positions at Colesberg; and are proceeding to bombard General French's camp. Quick-firing guns came into action yesterday morning, and maintained a heavy cañonade on the British entrenchments.

THE CAPTURE OF DOUGLAS.

London, 3rd January. (4:35 p.m.) It transpires that Colonel Pilcher's smart achievement near Belmont on Monday was assisted to success by a skilful diversion made from Moulder River by Colonel Babbington, commanding the Cavalry Brigade of Lord Methuen's force.

Operating to the north in a masterly fashion, Colonel Babbington effectually prevented reinforcements from joining the Boer force, thus deciding the issue in our favour. Although subjected to a smart bombardment, General French still holds the whiphand at Colesburg. He is strongly entrenched on a hill which commands both Colesberg bridge and the road.

REINFORCEMENTS FROM INDIA AND BURMAH.

Calcutta, January 4th—9:45 a.m. The following officers proceed to South Africa.—Captains MacAndrew, of the 5th Bombay Cavalry; Captains Binstead and Arnold, of the 1st Madras Lancers; Majors Vans Agnew and Kerrick, 3rd Madras Lancers; and Lieutenant Orr, 2nd Lancers, Hyderabad Contingent.

Lieutenants Milner and Daniel, 2nd Royal Irish Regiment, in view of early promotion to the rank of Captain, have transferred to the 1st Battalion of their Regiment, and have been ordered to proceed to South Africa.

Orders have been issued by the Government for the despatch of three hundred soldiers to South Africa from Burma, 150 each to be supplied by the 2nd Battalion, Essex Regiment, and the 2nd Battalion, Durham Light Infantry. Three hundred Burmese ponies for the Infantry, with equipments, will accompany them.

R. I. M.Civs will be employed to convey the troops.

ADDITIONAL OFFERS BY NATIVE RULERS.

The Government of India will accept the offer of fifty horses from Her Highness the Begum of Bhopal for South Africa.

Fresh offers have also been received from the Nawab of Bahawalpur.

DISLOYAL COLONISTS IN THE FIELD.

London, 3rd January. The Commando which was defeated by Colonel Pilcher consisted chiefly of disloyal colonists. Colonel Pilcher afterwards occupied Douglas, where he received an ovation from the loyalists.

OPENING OF THE PORTUGUESE CORTES.

London, 3rd January. The Royal Speech at the Portuguese Cortes was silent regarding the Transvaal war and Delagoa Bay.

Later.

In the Portuguese Chamber, the Foreign Minister said that Portugal strives to prevent both belligerents deriving any advantages at Delagoa Bay, and he had no reason to doubt the correct attitude of Great Britain.

GENERAL METHUEN'S CAVALRY BRIGADE.

London, 3rd January. An official despatch states that General Methuen's Cavalry Brigade under General Babbington is acting in connection with Colonel Pilcher at Douglas, and is watching Koodoo's Drift.

RESERVE OFFICERS TO FILL VACANCIES.

London, 3rd January. An Army Order has been issued which sanctions the employment of a certain number of Reserve officers, not above the rank of Major, to fill the vacancies caused by the casualties in South Africa.

The "Kidouan Castle," with 78 officers and 2,576 men, sailed from Southampton to-day.

THE CITY VOLUNTEER CORPS.

London, 4th January. A battery of 12-pounder quick-firing guns will be added to the City Volunteer Corps going to South Africa.

NATAL IRREGULARS IN PRETORIA GAOL.

Lorenzo Marques, 1st January. Northern Natal residents who have arrived from Pretoria prison bring reports of scandalous treatment, many prisoners being treated there like common convicts.

While military prisoners belonging to the Regulars were treated with every consideration, South Africa irregulars were lodged in the ordinary gaol and kept on criminal diet.

Lorenzo Marques, 2nd January.

Major Daly and 41 men of the R.A.M.C., who left Dundee at the time of the evacuation, are on their way from Pretoria to Delagoa Bay.

ARTILLERY REINFORCEMENTS FROM INDIA.

Bengalore, 1st January. J. Battery, Royal Horse Artillery, has been ordered to proceed to South Africa immediately. The Battery leaves at the end of the week, taking the 15 pounder guns of the 4th Field Battery from here, and the equipment and horses of E. Battery, Horse Artillery, from Secunderabad. The total strength will be five officers and 200 men.

IMPORTANT GIFT FROM A MAHARAJA.—THE CAMERONIANS GENEROSITY.

Lucknow, 1st January. The 15th Bengal Lancers, and the 5th and 7th Bengal Cavalry, have been indentured on the 80 horses, one dray, one farrier, and eight sycas for Mounted Infantry service in South Africa. They leave Calcutta in the hired transport "Uganda."

The Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the 1st Camerounians have raised £1,000 voluntarily for the 2nd Battalion now in South Africa.

300 Artillery horses have been accepted by the Government of India from the Maharajas Scindia and Gwalior for service in South Africa.

THE CANADIANS AND AUSTRALIANS.

London, 2nd January (Later). Colonel Pilcher's force, which defeated the enemy near Belmont, was largely composed of Canadians and Australians. They made a forced march of 22 miles, and confounded the natives, who were surprised at dawn.

COL. HOWARD VINCENT—REINFORCEMENTS FOR NATAL.

London, 2nd January. Colonel Howard Vincent has been medically disqualified for service in South Africa.

The 2nd Middlesex, the 1st York and Lancasters, the 2nd Battery, and an Ammunition Column, have arrived at Durban.

It is officially stated that Lieutenant Mill of the Dragoons has been missing since the skirmish at Arndale.

ENTRIO PEVERE AT LADYSMITH.

London, 2nd January. General White, on the 1st instant, reports the death of Lieut. Price Dent of the Devons, and says that there have been thirteen deaths from enterio at Ladysmith; and that there are 71 serious cases.

EMPLOYMENT OF MILITIA BATTALIONS.

London, 3rd January. It is officially announced that the Government has decided to employ outside of Great Britain twelve Militia battalions.

Seven of these battalions will go to South Africa, viz., the 4th Lancasters, the 6th Warwickshires, the 3rd South Lancashires, the 4th Derbyshires, the 9th Rifles Corps, the 3rd Durham and the 4th Argyls.

Two battalions will be sent to Malta, and two to the Channel Islands.

TRACTION ENGINES TESTED.

London, 4th January. The traction engines have been tested and pulled wagons satisfactorily through the Sprints.

ANOTHER GERMAN STEAMER RETAINED.

London, 4th January. The German mail steamer General is detained at Aden, and is being searched.

MORE REINFORCEMENTS SAIL.

London, 4th January. The transports "Goorha," "Braemar Castle," and "Assay," sailed from Southampton to-day with 4,428 troops for the Cape.

MAJOR DALY'S PARTY.

London, 4th January. Colonel Hunt, the Tonga prisoner, has recovered from his wounds.

Major Daly's Ambulance Party report that he (Major Daly) was much harassed and insulted. Many Boers, even officers, acted badly, but many were very appreciative.

With the co-operation of the Swedish mission, Major Daly enclosed a burial ground for 15 Boers and some British who died of their wounds at the battle of Dundee. The graves are marked with wooden crosses and stone pillars.

THE SORTIE FROM MAPEKING.

Mafeking, 26th December. The attack to-day on Gum Tree Fort was prepared by the Artillery.

Advancing within rifle range, the attacking force found the position stronger than was supposed.

The fire was hot, and an advance was almost impossible; but, with remarkable heroism, Captain Sandford and Vernon and Lieutenant Paton and a few men, reached the sandbagged fort. Nothing could live within 300 yards. The ground was swept by Maxims and Martini. Terrible losses were incurred in charging through the zone of fire. Twenty men of C Squadron were killed.

Captain Sandford, first, and then Captain Vernon, who was already twice wounded, and Lieutenant Paton, arrived at the foot of the fort. Captain Vernon and Lieutenant Paton, climbing the ditch, thrust their revolvers through the loopholes, which were hot with the rifles' fire.

But the position was found to be impregnable; and they retired.

All our wounded were hit close to the fort. Many showed that explosive bullets had been used. The Field Cornet had admitted that at one time explosive bullets were served out, but stated that all had previously been expended. Some Boers fired our dead. The Field Cornet regretted it, but was unable to accept responsibility, the younger men being uncontrollable. He alleged that the British stripped General Koch when wounded.

It is believed that spies reported our contemplated attack; and that the fort was strengthened at night and reinforced.

GENERAL GATACRE'S MOVEMENTS.

London, 4th January. The Central News correspondent from Sterkstroom telegraphs that the Boers occupied Molteno and a position dominating Bushmanshoek during Tuesday night, and opened fire on the British posts at daybreak. General Gatacre hurried to Bushmanshoek with reinforcements, and opened fire on the Boers with Artillery. The Boers hurriedly retired, pursued by the Mounted Infantry. One squadron went to relieve the British post outside Molteno. The Boers had some loss, while the British casualties were nil.

FIGHTING ROUND COLESBERG.

London, 5th January. A telegram from Rensburg, dated the 4th instant, states that the enemy unexpectedly attacked General French's left flank at daybreak that day, but were repulsed. They then occupied the hills to the north, from which they were eventually shelled, but still held the hills immediately surrounding the town, and are checking our advance. The Boers lost about a hundred, including twenty prisoners.

LATER. Details of the fighting at Colesberg state that a picket of Inniskillings charged through the enemy, killing several. Our cavalry and two guns crossed the plain after the flank attack was repulsed, and dislodged the enemy from several hills.

Major Harvey, of the 10th Hussars, was killed, and Major Alexander wounded.

THE MAPEKING FIGHT: THE OFFICIAL REPORT.

London, 6th January. A despatch from Colonel Baden-Powell, dated the 26th December, states that he attacked one of the enemy's works that morning with three guns and two squadrons of the Protecorate Regiments, a Squadron of the Beaufortland Horse, and an armoured train. The attack was gallantly pressed home, but all efforts to gain the interior of the fort by escalading failed, and the British withdrew after six officers and a large number of men had been hit. The killed were Captains Ronald Vernon and Harry Sandford, of the Staff Corps, and Lieutenant Harold Paton, of the Protecorate Regiment. The wounded include Captain Fizt Clarence of the Royal Fusiliers.

A FALSE REPORT BY THE BOERS.

London, 6th January. The Boer report from Pretoria that Lords Cavendish and Edward Cecil had been wounded at Mafeking is devoid of foundation.

The Times telegram from Mafeking says that it is believed that the enemy were treacherously warned of Colonel Baden-Powell's intended attack, and strengthened their position during the night. The Boers used explosive bullets, and plundered the dead and wounded.

The British lost 13 men killed, and 30 men wounded.

SPORT AND ANECDOTE.

BY AN OLD FOEY.

CYCLISTS AND FREE WHEELS.

For some considerable time past a good many of the inventive geniuses connected with the cycling industry have been employed in producing devices to enable a rider to glide down inclines with his feet at rest on stationary pedals, known technically as a free wheel. Without attempting anything in the way of expert explanation of the mechanism of this new device, it may be briefly described as an invention to allow of the cyclist putting the cranks and pedals out of action, the machine running on with the momentum previously obtained. Some of the claims made for this latest addition to the cycle are of a most ambitious and comprehensive kind. During a visit to the exhibitions in London and upon several occasions since, I have been to some little trouble to obtain the opinions of my cycling acquaintances as to the advantage to be obtained by the use of the free wheel, and to my surprise I find that in spite of the "boomerang" at the hands of the makers, some of the most experienced riders of the day declare emphatically against the innovation. Whether or not the opinions and prejudices of the older school of cyclists will have any effect in determining the attitude of the general public towards the free wheel I am not prepared to say. Their opinions should count for something. One would naturally suppose that amongst the various journals associated closely with the trade and pastime some illumination would be forthcoming for the benefit of the uninitiated, but so far I have been unable to discover any very definite opinions upon the subject. My own knowledge of the necessities of the trade and the requirements of the general public prompt me to regard the free wheel more in the light of a marketable novelty than anything else, and as such I am quite willing to accord the makers all the credit they deserve for introducing something fresh at a time when the trade threatens to languish by reason of the severity of competition. In my old-fashioned way, I suppose, I am apt to regard these additions to the complications of a cycle somewhat dubiously. Having no great desire to get over the ground at 18 or 20 miles an hour, we old foggies naturally prefer a cycle with as few tender spots as possible. My engineer friends confide to me that if anything happens to go wrong with the delicate mechanism of a free wheel device there is going to be a good deal of trouble in putting it in order again. It appears to be generally admitted that the braking power will have to be considerably increased, the frame strengthened, the rims thickened, and the weight of the cycle increased all round. This extra weight imposed when set against present purely mechanical advantages, will, I am afraid, militate against the popularity of the latest invention. Next year will decide emphatically whether the free wheel has come to stay.

SOLDIERS AT PLAY.

Great Britain has reason to be proud of her soldiers and sailors to-day—pride, perhaps, than at any moment since the awful times in the Crimea. True, we have had our trials some times in Abyssinia, Ashante, in Egypt, in Afghanistan, and I hope we shall always remember the heroic deeds recounted in these different countries. Indeed, the echoes of the "Cock o' the North" have scarcely died away even now, and fresh stories still keep cropping up about Omdurman. Here let me diverge for a moment, for the mention of the latter place reminds me of a rather smart report by one of our champion cyclists, Fred Chinaman. A spirited argument was being carried on between Chinaman and another—a schoolmaster by the way—the latter insisting upon the staying powers of rice-eating people, instanting the enormous amount of labour performed by the dock people at Cairo and elsewhere. "Rice-eaters," cried Chinaman in dissent. "Well, they didn't stay long at Omdurman, did they?" The general roar of laughter which followed this little sally effectively closed the argument. And coming back to our soldiers now in South Africa I am sure everyone must feel delighted that amidst all the dreadful carnage

are inseparable from the war, and probably whilst the Boer guns are booming from the heights our men can still muster spirit and light-heartedness enough to play cricket, and I have heard, football, too. It is not all beer and skittles, as the saying goes, at the front; luxuries are unknown in camp. And yet it is comforting to reflect that there will be no repetition of the starvation scandals connected with the war against Russia. God knows Tommy has plenty of strenuous work in front of him yet; and if he can snatch an hour for cricket so much the better. I have long been a warm admirer of our army football teams; there is something so manly and robust about their play, and yet no men could possibly be more obedient to the decisions of the referee.

Amongst the scores of first-class games I witnessed last season, one of the most enjoyable of the whole series was a match between two regiments, the football shown on either side being distinctly good. Many of the usual competitions will, I suppose, have to be abandoned this season on account of the outbreak of hostilities, and when the teams come to answer the roll-call next winter there are sure to be half-backs, backs, as well as forwards missing.

We are bound to get a good deal of gruesome reading before Pretoria is reached; the details of a cricket match at Ladysmith will be a welcome change.

AMATEUR CRICKETERS.

Scarcely a year or a season goes by now without someone calling attention to the anomalous state of affairs at present existing in the wide world cricket by which the distinction as to status appears to press unduly hard upon the professional. My views upon the point should be well known. By and by we may get a reform in this matter. The M.C.C. does move slowly, we know, but its moves are deliberate as they are usually of a progressive kind. I wish to goodness someone in authority would make a start to get the silly business of the amateurs coming out of one gate and the professionals out of another stopped once for all. For the life of me I cannot understand how any self-respecting amateur of the real sort can tolerate such utter nobodiness. The frigid distinction is unworthy of the game. Jim Phillips, I observe, has been giving voice to his opinions on the subject, and his remarks are just what one would expect from the honest and bluff Australian. From what I saw of Phillips during the recent Australian tour I should say he is a man of actions rather than words but having anything to say it would be uttered with a directness and decisiveness not to be mistaken. He has no love for the class distinction as seen so frequently in the cricket pavilion; he probably knows what a deal of deception is carried on. But he goes further than this; he lays it down that it is not for the benefit of the side that the team should be separated from each other at periods when an interchange of opinions would be most valuable. If it be true, as I have seen stated over and over again, that there are not more than a score of genuine amateurs playing in first-class cricket to-day these fine distinctions in the pavilion seem mere inexplicable than ever. Those who have been behind the scenes in county cricket aver that the amateurs in a team invariably cost more to a club than a like number of professionals, and if such were really the case I can only wonder that the whole business has not been shown up long before this. So far as the recognised pros are concerned, their lips were practically sealed upon the matter, even though they may be in possession of irrefutable evidence as to the real status of some of our so-called amateurs. I know there are many rabid partisans who would make it almost impossible for amateurs to assist in the game; do not go to such extreme lengths.

The more genuine amateurs we have the better it will be for the game, which is one of the few that can be indulged in for its own sake, purely and simply. Upon this subject of status the authorities at Lord's have been always silent, but if this shabby business about separate gates for amateurs and professionals is kept up, public opinion may assert itself with no uncertain sound.

CONSISTENCY.

The continued success of Sheffield United in the Football League tournament is exciting the admiration of the whole football world.

Speaking from memory, I fancy we should have to go back to